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SUBJECT: US PROTEST OVER USE OF CERTAIN COUNTRIES AS
STAGING POINTS FOR SOVIET/CUBAN AIRLIFT TO ANGOLA

1. DEPARTMENT HAS NOTED WITH INDIGNATION THAT SOVIET AIR-
CRAFT TAKING PART IN MAJOR AIRLIFT OF MILITARY AID TO
MARXIST FACTION (MPLA) IN ANGOLA ARE ALLOWED TO LAND IN
BUDAPEST, ALGIERS, BAMAKO, CONAKRY, AND COTONOU ON THE WAY
TO ANGOLA AND TO OVERFLY NATIONAL TERRITORY OF THOSE GOVERN-
MENTS, BOTH COMING AND GOING. AMBASSADOR SHOULD DELIVER
FOLLOWING NOTE SOONEST TO MFA AT HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVEL.

2. COMPLIMENTARY OPENING. QUOTE THE USG NOTES WITH CONCERN
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AND DISSATISFACTION THAT NUMEROUS SOVIET AIRCRAFT CARRYING

MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO THE MPLA REGIME IN ANGOLA ARE PERMITTED BY HUNGARY, MALI, GUINEA, BENIN, AS APPROPRIATE) TO LAND AT ITS CAPITAL AIRPORTS ON THEIR WAY TO ANGOLA, AS WELL AS TO TRANSIT NATIONAL AIRSPACE IN BOTH DIRECTIONS. THE USG TAKES A GRAVE VIEW OF THE SOVIET EFFORT, SUPPORTED BY MASSIVE ARMS DELIVERIES, TO IMPOSE ONE FACTION AS THE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA. THE USG SUPPORTS THE OAU'S CALL FOR AN END TO FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA AND CONDEMNS THIS SPECTACULAR SOVIET POWER PLAY. UNQUOTE. COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE.

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3. FOR BAMAKO, CONAKRY, COTONOU: YOUR NOTE SHOULD CONTAIN FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL PARAGRAPH FOLLOWING THE ONE QUOTED ABOVE: QUOTE THE USG VIEWS WITH GRAVITY THE WILLINGNESS OF A GOVERNMENT DEDICATED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF NON-ALIGNMENT SUCH AS THAT OF (AS APPROPRIATE) TO PERMIT SUCH SOVIET OVERFLIGHTS AND SUCH USE OF ITS LANDING FACILITIES. USG WOULD NOT WISH ITS BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT OF (AS APPROPRIATE) TO BE AFFECTED BY THEIR CONTINUANCE. UNQUOTE.

4. FOR CONAKRY: YOUR NOTE SHOULD CONTAIN FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL PARAGRAPH BEFORE CLOSE: QUOTE THE USG WISHES FURTHER TO POINT OUT TO GOG THAT IT CONDEMNS GUINEA'S ALLOWING A CUBAN AIRLIFT OF THOUSANDS OF CUBAN TROOPS TO STAGE THROUGH CONAKRY AIRPORT ON THEIR WAY TO ANGOLA WHERE THEY ARE USING SOPHISTICATED SOVIET MILITARY EQUIPMENT AGAINST ANGOLAN FORCES OPPOSING MPLA. UNQUOTE.

5. FOR BUDAPEST: YOUR NOTE SHOULD CONTAIN FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL PARAGRAPH BEFORE CLOSE. QUOTE: THE USG BELIEVES THAT HUNGARY'S ACTION IN PERMITTING THE SOVIET OVERFLIGHTS AND LANDINGS IS A SERIOUS MATTER. IT WOULD NOT WISH ITS BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH HUNGARY TO BE AFFECTED BY THEIR CONTINUANCE. UNQUOTE.

6. FOR ALGIERS: FOREGOING IS FYI SINCE THE SECRETARY DISCUSSED ANGOLA AT HIS BREAKFAST WITH BOUTEFLIKA IN PARIS. KISSINGER

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